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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, UN, RQ, AF

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24); PUERTO RICO

1. AFGHAN AMBASSADOR KARIM WAS INVITED TO DEPT ON AUGUST 31 FOR MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY (IO) MAYNES TO DISCUSS C-24 CONSIDERATION OF STATUS OF PUERTO RICO.
2. MAYNES MADE POINT THAT USG VIEWS REGARDING NON-COMPETENCE OF C-24 TO CONSIDER THE MATTER WERE UNCHANGED, BUT WE WERE WORKING TO AVOID A CONFRONTATIONAL DEBATE. HE SAID THAT INDIANS AND NORWEGIANS EACH HAD PROPOSALS FOR CONSENSUS STATEMENTS WHICH WOULD AVOID THE NEED FOR A VOTE ON THE CUBAN RESOLUTION. USG CONSIDERED EITHER DRAFT CONSENSUS STATEMENT TO PROVIDE BASIS FOR SATISFACTORY OUTCOME THIS YEAR. HE INDICATED THAT COMMITTEE APPROVAL OF THE  
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CUBAN RESOLUTION COULD HAVE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON PROSPECTS FOR SENATE APPROVAL OF PANAMA CANAL TREATIES AND THAT LONGER TERM IMPACT SEEMED TO BE INCREASED PRESSURE IN PUERTO RICO FOR STATEHOOD. HE ASKED THAT AFGHANISTAN WORK TO PROMOTE A CONSENSUS STATEMENT. IF THAT SHOULD PROVE IMPOSSIBLE, HE URGED AFGHANISTAN TO SUPPORT A MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL NEXT YEAR WITHOUT A VOTE ON THE CUBAN

RESOLUTION.

3. KARIM SAID HE DID NOT THINK CUBA WOULD PRESS FOR A VOTE, THAT THEY WERE FEELING PRESSURE TO GO ALONG WITH A CONSENSUS, AND THAT THEY WERE AMENDING THEIR RESOLUTION. HE EMPHASIZED AFGHANISTAN'S DESIRE FOR A NON-CONFRONTATIONAL RESOLUTION OF THE MATTER AND HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE A CONSENSUS. HE TOOK NOTE OF THE FACT THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER EITHER THE INDIAN OR THE NORWEGIAN DRAFT CONSENSUS LANGUAGE TO BE ACCEPTABLE OUTCOME, AND ALSO THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER ADJOURNMENT WITHOUT A VOTE (AS IN 1975) TO BE A SATISFACTORY RESULT. CHRISTOPHER

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